

THIS SMALL KING



There once lived a small king who ruled over a little land. This king had everything he ever wanted until one day an accident occurred and his way of ruling changed forever.

This Small King by **Lauren Streifer** is a charming and innovative story that teaches children about the power of kindness and kind leadership.

Curriculum Links: HASS, Literacy, Visual Arts, Personal Development

Age Range: Year K-4

ACTIVITY: KIND WORDS

It is important that we use kind words when talking to ourselves and others. Kind words can cheer people up, and are a great way to let others know how we feel about them and their actions.

This activity explores the **importance** of **using kind words everyday**.

- 1. Read** *This Small King* and **discuss** any wonderings they have about the story?
- 2. Bring the class's attention** to the page where the **"accident"** occurred. **Ask:**
 - *What kind words do you think the King could have used?*
 - *Why is it important to use kind words when speaking to others?*
 - *How do you feel when others speak kindly to you?*
- 3. Create a new page for the book** that happens *right after the accident*. In this activity, each student will draw themselves next to the small king.

Invite students to consider while drawing:

- How are they feeling?
- What are the words they are hearing?
- What does the scene look like around them?

